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## AROUND CSAC

### **THREE DAYS LEFT TO REGISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUMMIT, JULY 17- 18**

Join more than 400 of your local elected colleagues from across the state at the Local Government Summit on State Governance and Fiscal Reform, July 17- 18, in Sacramento. Monday, July 13, is the last day for registration. There is no on-site registration. The summit, titled "Rebuilding California – From the Ground Up," kicks off Friday afternoon with CSAC Past President and San Mateo County Supervisor Rich Gordon giving an overview of the summit agenda. Afternoon sessions include a look at possible solutions and strategies for reforming California, as well as reviewing common principles developed by a task force of the Cities Counties Schools (CCS) Partnership, an ongoing partnership of CSAC, the League of California Cities and the California School Boards Association. The summit will also include small group sessions on Saturday. Speakers include Fred Silva of California Forward, former legislator Bill Leonard of the Board of Equalization, and Jim Wunderman, executive director of the Bay Area Council. Don't miss out on this critical effort to reinvigorate California's governance system and restore efficiency, transparency and accountability. Click [here](#) to register. To view the summit agenda, FAQ and principles, click [here](#). For registration and hotel information, contact CSAC Meeting Planner Patti Hughes at [phughes@counties.org](mailto:phughes@counties.org). For additional summit information, contact CSAC Analyst Geoffrey Neill at [gneill@counties.org](mailto:gneill@counties.org).

### **FOLLOW CSAC BUDGET AND LEGISLATIVE MESSAGES ON TWITTER**

CSAC is using the popular social networking service known as Twitter to convey to legislative members, the media and others how the various budget proposals will impact counties. Twitter is a free blogging Web site that allows users to send out brief updates to a wide audience. Not only are Capitol Press Corps members using this to keep people updated on budget negotiations and minute-by-minute action during floor hearings, but legislators are also using it to express their concerns, questions and positions on budget proposals and other legislation. CSAC's updates, or "tweets," have educated the organization's Twitter "followers" – which include media and legislators – on the challenges counties face under current budget proposals and the state's overall fiscal environment. You do not need to sign up to access the CSAC Twitter page. You can simply follow by clicking on the following link: [https://twitter.com/CSAC\\_Counties](https://twitter.com/CSAC_Counties). If you have any questions about CSAC's Twitter page, contact CSAC Communications Coordinator Sarah Jimenez at [sjimenez@counties.org](mailto:sjimenez@counties.org), or CSAC Legislative Analyst Cara Martinson at [cmartinson@counties.org](mailto:cmartinson@counties.org).

### **CSAC INSTITUTE EXPANDS COURSE LOCATIONS TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

Due to the popularity of courses offered in Sacramento by the CSAC Institute for Excellence in County Government, the institute is expanding its course locations, offering four sessions this summer and fall in Southern California. The following courses are being offered at Southern California sites: "Local Governance in California," August 13, San Diego County; "The Art & Practice of Organizational Leadership," October 9, San Diego County; "Financing California Counties," November 6, Ventura County; and "Performance Measurement," December 17, San Diego County. These courses are in addition to a number offered in Sacramento this summer and fall at the CSAC Conference Center. To view the full summer/fall schedule, click [here](#). For more information or to register, visit the Institute's Web site at [www.csacinstitute.org](http://www.csacinstitute.org) or contact Bill Chiat, Program Manager, at [bchiat@counties.org](mailto:bchiat@counties.org) or 916/327-7500, ext. 510.

## AROUND THE STATE

### **NEW CAOS IN KERN, SANTA CLARA COUNTIES; YOLO COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR RETIRING**

John Nilon started his new position as Kern County administrative officer June 29. John previously was the county's public health services director. He replaces retired CAO Ron Errea. John started with Kern County in the CAO's offices in 1985, and has also served as the director of child support services. Santa Clara County has selected Jeffrey Smith as its next county executive officer, effective September 1. Jeffrey takes the place of retired CEO Pete Kutras. Jeffrey, who holds degrees in both law and medicine, currently serves as executive director of the Contra Costa Regional Medical Center and Health Centers and has been involved in public service for more than 29 years, including as a Contra Costa County supervisor from 1992 to 1996. And after four years as Yolo County Administrator, Sharon Jensen is retiring at the end of the summer. Sharon has been with Yolo County for nine years, serving most recently as County Administrator since October 2005. Sharon decided to join her recently retired husband in retirement. Sharon's many accomplishments include developing the county's first comprehensive strategic plan and creation of the parks & resources, human resources, general services and information technology departments. CSAC looks forward to working with John and Jeffrey in their new positions, and wishes Sharon the best in retirement.

## AROUND NACO

### **STILL TIME TO REGISTER FOR NACO ANNUAL CONFERENCE, JULY 24- 28**

In just a little more than three weeks Sonoma County Supervisor Valerie Brown will be sworn in as NACo president at the NACo Annual Conference, July 24– 28, in Nashville/Davidson County, Tennessee. Don't miss out on her swearing-in ceremony and the more than 30 workshops being offered during the conference. There is still time to register. Attendees should also plan to attend the California Caucus meeting Sunday, July 26, from 4- 5 p.m. at the Gaylord Opryland Convention Center. The meeting will feature an update on federal issues by staff from Waterman & Associates, as well as casting California's vote for NACo 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. Register online and save \$25. For more information and to register, visit [NACo's Annual Conference Web page](#).

### **RECOVERY ACT REPORTING GUIDANCE RELEASED, NACO WEBINAR, JULY 16**

NACo is hosting a webinar on reporting guidelines for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, Thursday, July 16, at 11 a.m. The White House Office of Management and Budget released guidelines for reporting act activities and projects on June 22, and the first report is due October 10. In addition to the guidelines, a list of all programs subject to reporting and a data model under the Recovery Act were also released. The guidelines and supplemental documents can be found [here](#). To register, for the NACo webinar, click [here](#). For more information, contact Mike Belarmino at 202/661-8840 or [mbelarmino@naco.org](mailto:mbelarmino@naco.org).

## WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

### **NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF CORRECTIONS HOSTS MENTAL ILLNESS BROADCAST, JULY 15**

The National Institute of Corrections is hosting a live, three-hour satellite/Internet broadcast on Wednesday, July 15, at 9 a.m. to address how organizations can prepare to work with persons suffering from mental illness in jails. The broadcast will address several topics, including identifying stakeholders who need to be involved in designing a successful mental health treatment program and implementing strategies to leverage existing resources and develop an action plan. Register online by Monday, July 13. There is no registration fee. For more information, visit [www.nicic.gov/Broadcasts](http://www.nicic.gov/Broadcasts) or contact Ed Wolahan at 800/995-6429, ext. 4419, or at [ewolahan@bop.gov](mailto:ewolahan@bop.gov).

***THE BOND BUYER'S 19<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE, SEPTEMBER 14- 16, CARLSBAD***

Join the state's leading experts at The Bond Buyer's 19th Annual California Public Finance Conference, September 14- 16, in Carlsbad. The old answers to public financing may not be enough to cope this year. The conference's mission is to assemble a variety of highly-educated faculty of professionals to address some of the most significant challenges the state has ever faced. CSAC members are offered a \$50 discount, leaving a registration fee of just \$45. CSAC members can register online [here](#), and enter priority code "CSAC." To download the conference brochure, click [here](#). Contact Dan Tina at 212/803-8487 to register or for more information.

***PUBLIC FINANCING COURSES OFFERED THIS FALL AROUND STATE***

The California Debt and Investment Advisory Commission is offering several educational programs this fall for local public agencies officials and other public finance professionals. Training courses include: Bond Buyer Pre-Conference, September 14, Carlsbad; Disclosure in Municipal Securities, September 24, Sacramento; Fundamentals of Debt Financing, October 1- 2, Concord; Financing Solar Energy: Options for California's Local Governments, October 8- 9, Oakland; and Advanced Concepts and Practices for Investing Public Funds, October 22- 23, San Jose. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

***GREEN TECHNOLOGY COLLEGE SUMMIT, OCTOBER 5- 7, PASADENA***

Registration is now open for the Green California Community College Summit, October 5- 7, in Pasadena. The two-day event will feature general sessions and more than 30 workshops addressing the full range of green building issues, green education and green workforce. The event is organized by Green Technology, a nonprofit initiative designed to assist in government efforts toward sustainability and provide a forum in which government officials can communicate with those in the private sector who are developing and distributing green technologies. For more information, visit the [Green Technology Web site](#). For registration assistance, contact Eric Rennie at 626/577-5700.